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Service, Courage & Sacrifice

Our November 5—13 exhibit was well received. Special thank you to the Haliburton County Development Corporation and to the Minden Rotary Club for their belief in our project.... and to the community for providing pictures, facts, display items and donations. More pictures page 4

Silver Mountain Lodge

Gina's family had spent a summer running a lodge in the area in the early 1960s. She found our exhibit shared on Facebook and because it was a beautiful day for a drive Gina drove up from Peterborough. We chatted for a few minutes before Gina took in the various displays we offered. She told me her siblings remembered going to the Procter store and of the summer at the lodge. George Simmons happened to stop in just then, they compared notes. The two of them off on a road trip—to the big tree, Procter's store locations and where George figured the lodge would have been.

Turns out the landowner was on site, showed them around and what is left of the Silver Mountain Lodge. Imagine Gina's surprise when they found an original sign above the fireplace!! The landowner offered Gina the sign, she was tickled and promptly said "Yes please. Thank You!"

When Gina and George returned to our exhibit, Steve & Kathy McAlpine were there. Kathy's parents were the Procters that had the store and the lodge. They chatted for a while and I believe that Steve's mother had been a cook at that lodge as well. *Really is a small world.*

Gina with the sign, and the lodge as it appears today

Gina as a very young girl and the outhouse with the glass French door!

More photos and story on page 3

The Tablecloth

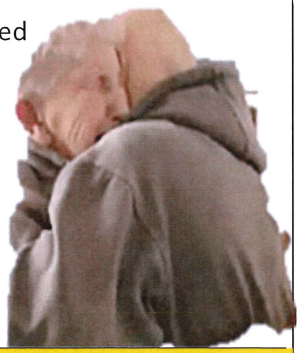
The brand new pastor and his wife, newly assigned to their first ministry were to reopen a church in suburban Brooklyn, arrived in early October excited about their opportunities. When they saw their church, it was very run down and needed much work. They set a goal to have everything done in time to have their first service on Christmas Eve. They worked hard, repairing pews, plastering walls, painting, etc. and on December 18 were ahead of schedule and just about finished.

On December 19 a terrible tempest - a driving rainstorm - hit the area and lasted for two days. On the 21st, the pastor went over to the church. His heart sank when he saw that the roof had leaked, causing a large area of plaster about 20' by 8' to fall off the front wall of the sanctuary just behind the pulpit, beginning about head high. The pastor cleaned up the mess on the floor, and not knowing what else to do but postpone the Christmas Eve service, headed home. On the way, he noticed that a local business was having a flea market type sale for charity, so he stopped in. One of the items was a beautiful handmade ivory-colored crocheted tablecloth with exquisite work, fine colors and a Cross embroidered right in the center. It was just the right size to cover the hole in the front wall. He bought it and headed back to the church.

By this time it had started to snow. An older woman running from the opposite direction was trying to catch the bus. She missed it. The pastor invited her to wait in the warm church for the next bus 45 minutes later. She sat in a pew and paid no attention to the pastor while he got a ladder, hangers, etc. to put up the tablecloth as a wall tapestry. The pastor could hardly believe how beautiful it looked and it covered the entire area. Then he noticed the woman walking down the center aisle. Her face was like a sheet. "Pastor," she asked, "where did you get that tablecloth?" The pastor explained. The woman asked him to check the lower right corner to see if the initials 'EBG' were crocheted into it there. They were. These were the initials of the woman, and she had made this tablecloth 35 years before, in Austria. The woman could hardly believe it as the pastor told how he had just gotten "The Tablecloth".

The woman explained that before the war she and her husband were well-to-do people in Austria. When the Nazis came, she was forced to leave. Her husband was going to follow her the next week. He was captured, sent to prison and she never saw her husband or her home again. The pastor wanted to give her the tablecloth, but she made the pastor keep it for the church. The pastor insisted on driving her home. That was the least he could do. She lived on the other side of Staten Island and was only in Brooklyn for the day for a housecleaning job.

What a wonderful service they had on Christmas Eve. The church was almost full. The music and the spirit were great. At the end of the service, the pastor and his wife greeted everyone at the door and many said that they would return. One older man, whom the pastor recognized from the neighborhood, continued to sit in one of the pews and stare. The pastor wondered why he wasn't leaving. The man asked him where he got the tablecloth on the front wall because it was identical to one that his wife had made years ago when they lived in Austria before the war and how could there be two tablecloths so much alike? He told the pastor how the Nazis came, how he forced his wife to flee for her safety and he was supposed to follow her, but he was arrested and put in prison. He never saw his wife or his home again in the 35 years between.



The pastor asked him if he would allow him to take him for a little ride. They drove to Staten Island to the same house where the pastor had taken the woman three days earlier. He helped the man climb the three flights of stairs to the woman's apartment and knocked on the door.

He saw the greatest Christmas reunion he could ever imagine.

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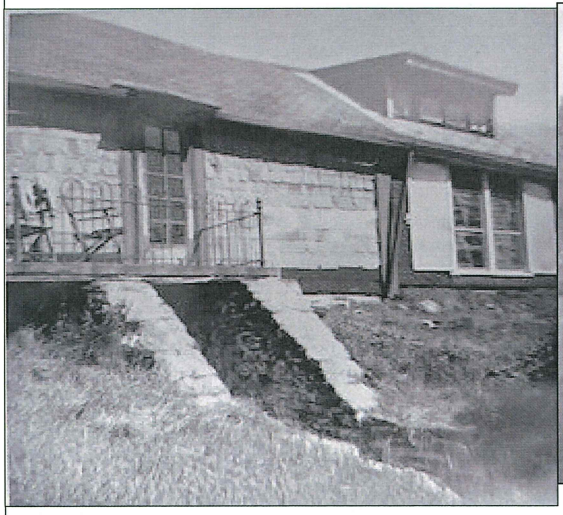
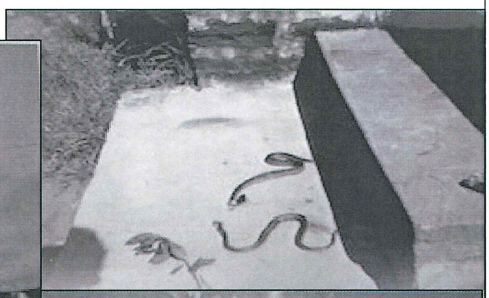
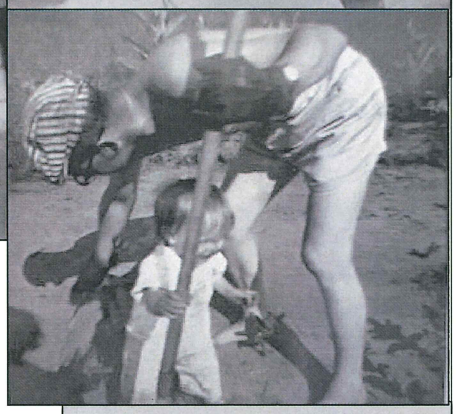
Silver Mountain Lodge cont'd

Gail (Godin) Collins writes "My brother and sister remember that my Mom subscribed to the Peterborough Examiner as she was planning for my Dad's retirement from the RCAF and subsequent move to Peterborough. My parents answered an advert (probably by the Procters) for a person to look after the Lodge that summer. We were there July and August of 1962. I was 15 or16 months old. My brother was 11 and my sister 13. My sister remembers the outhouse with the French door, snakes, bats, poker table, the sign-in book and a party line telephone. We slept in the second story which is no longer there. She said there weren't any guests in the Lodge, only campers."





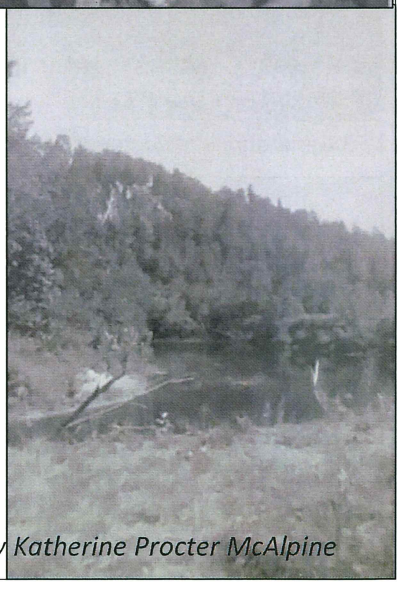


Katherine (Procter) McAlpine and her brother Bill Procter put together the following together for this story.

"Sorry Bill and I don't remember much about the Lodge. According to records, Victor and Salvatore Mastretta purchased Silver Mountain on June 24, 1946. The Mastretta's were from Rochester, N.Y. Our Mom, Lillian Procter bought the property from the Mastretta's on April 13, 1961. Mom and Dad (Lillian & Bill Procter Sr.) planned to develop Silver Mountain into a campground. Dad cleared areas on the property for campsites and built outhouses. He got plans from some place, to make very sturdy picnic tables. Sadly their plans had to change as Dad suffered a stroke in February of 1962 and they could no longer care for Silver Mountain.

We don't know when the Godin family came along but we assume they were brought in as caretakers/managers of Silver Mountain.

My brother Bill and I remember playing with the Godin children - perhaps in Peterbourgh (where the Godin's were living) or at Silver Mountain. On June 30, 1965 Mom sold the property to Leslie and Lloyd Appleton. "



View of the river at Silver Mountain Lodge. Photo provided by Katherine Procter McAlpine

Service, Courage & Sacrifice, cont

On behalf of George Simmons and Carol Simmons (George's sister in law) we wish to thank everyone that participated in the November exhibit in some way. The number of visitors that dropped by was overwhelming.

Comments found in the visitor's book were —

* What a wonderful & informative presentation. Our son learned more about his grandpa
* Great job! Great idea!
* Dropped by for the geocache and found a wonderful, thoughtful display
* Historical Treasure
* With much thanks, very grateful to all whom served
* Excellent. Nice Tribute
* Touched our hearts
* Very Moving, Lest We Forget
* Great display, very impactful
* Well worth the visit!
* Very worthwhile exhibit. Thanks for bringing history to life
* Touching Tribute to our service men & women

Plans are already in the works for the 2023 version of this exhibit. If you have individuals that served, have items to lend for display or wish more information, *Don't Delay* - - please contact Carol at historical@IrondaleOntario.ca or by 705-457-8438 The months roll by quickly. Carol would like to be prepared before the busy summer months get here.

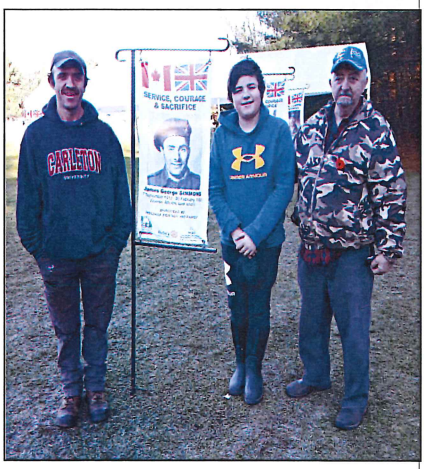
3 Generations of Grahams

Service, Courage & Sacrifice, cont

Many, many people dropped by over the week to view the flags, pay their respects and to see the various indoor displays. The flags represented those that had served. 47 flags with only 5 individuals not coming home. We found a few errors, and new flags will be ordered for next year.

Please contact Carol to get details on having your family member included in next year's display. Plans are in the works for additional features for Nov. 2023.

If you dropped in to see the exhibit, please forward your pictures by **email to historical@IrondaleOntario.ca** We would love to feature them in the next newsletter.



4 Generations of Simmons

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Would you be willing to do simple basting stitches over the winter?

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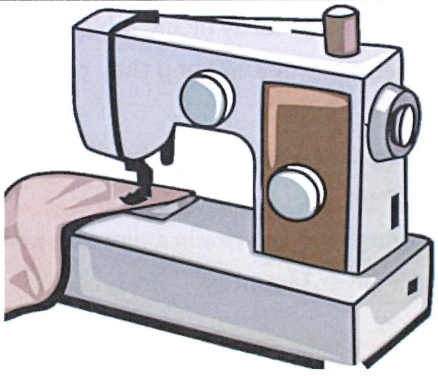

Please contact Carol 705-457-8438 for details.

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. What two sports do Canada's Tokyo 2020 Olympics flag bearers represent? *Women's Basketball & Men's Rugby*
2. How many NBA Finals Championships did Michael Jordan win? *Six*
3. In what sport does Tokyo 2020 Olympics flame lighter Naomi Osaka compete? *Tennis*
4. What medal did Canada's women's eight rowing crew win at the Tokyo 2020 games? *Gold*
5. Who was the 1st player picked in the 2003 NBA Draft, right out of high school? *Lebron James*
6. What Chicago Cubs pitcher was the 1st Canadian to win the Cy Young Award? *Fergie Jenkins*
7. What does the computer term VPN stand for? *Virtual Private Network*
8. Who played Ralph Kramden on the TV show 'The Honeymooners'? *Jackie Gleason*
9. Are string beans and snow peas technically fruits or vegetables? *fruits*
10. What does IMHO mean in texting lingo? *In My Humble Opinion*
11. What drummer of the Rolling Stones died at age 80 in August 2021? *Charlie Watts*
12. What is a mush melon or a rock melon more commonly known as? Cantaloupe
13. What does the Australian slang term 'barbie' refer to? *Barbeque*
14. True or False—Humans can hear all of the sounds bats make. *False*
15. What is hyperthermia more commonly known as? *Overheating, heat exhaustion*

How many did you get right?

Get Well Wishes

Ed Bunville

Judy Bunville

Dennis Simmons

Wayne Graham

Fredrick Simmons

and others that have not been brought to my attention

January 6

In the Western World, when the Gregorian calendar was adopted, Jesus' birth became December 25. The Nativity was no longer celebrated on the Feast of the Epiphany. Instead, January 6 marked the day three Magi, also known as the three wise men or the three kings, visited the baby Jesus.

It is considered to be unlucky to take down the Christmas tree and decorations before January 6 - still recognised and practiced by many around the world. When all is dismantled and put away for another year - the holly was kept for Shrove Tuesday. It would be used in the fire to cook the pancakes for the day.

The twelfth and final day of Christmas, January 6th, is known in ...

many parts of the world, as the Feast of the Epiphany

Spain, as Three King's Day

England, as the Twelfth Night in England.

Ireland as Women's Christmas or Little Christmas or Nollaig na mBan (pronunciation Null-ug na Mon). The women of Ireland have a day off and the roles are reversed where the men take over the household duties such as cooking and cleaning. The women make social calls to their female neighbors for the last of the Christmas cake and some tea, a reward for the women of Ireland for all their hard work over the Christmas season.

Other Irish customs around Little Christmas,

- mothers would be sure to rub the tail of a herring across the eyes of her children, insuring immunity against disease for the rest of the year.
- the floor should be swept and a clean bucket of water ready before going to be that night. What the purpose of the water, I don't know because it was not to be used the next morning.
- curious belief was that the well water in Ireland was said to turn into wine at midnight on January 6. No one was permitted to go out to validate this phenomena or sample. If they chose to, they would be met with very bad luck.

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WORD SEARCH

the words can run in any direction

Cloudy	Humidity	Sunny
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Fog	Rain	Thermometer
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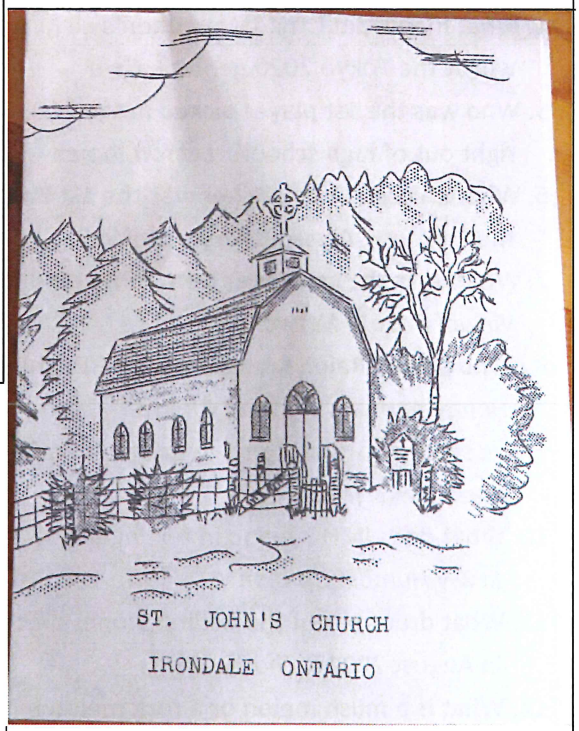
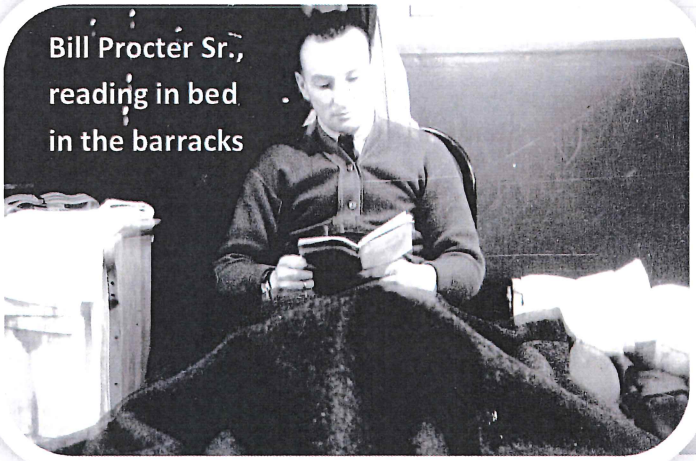
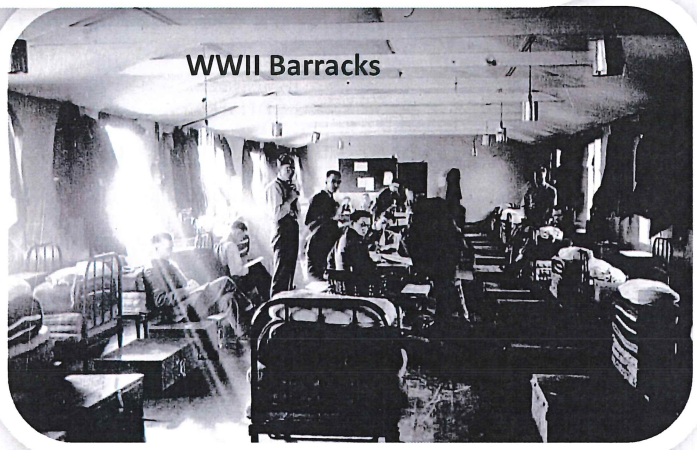
Hot	Storm	



Received this lovely notecard recently. We wonder who the artist was, seems there were lots of talented people. Can you tell me who did the drawing on this notecard? Card is over 30 yrs old.





Over the winter, check your closets, drawers etc. See if you have items we could use in our November 2023 display.

Check the advert on page 4 —you may be able to help us out.

with heartfelt sympathy

Betty (Simmons) Wilson
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Helen Pantridge
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Grant Graham
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~ Irondale Calendar of Events ~

These are tentative dates - depends on state of Covid pandemic and rental of community centres.
Please be sure to check the appropriate website and/or Facebook pages to get up to date information

2023	Unless otherwise noted - Tickets available online at www.IrondaleOntario.ca or call/text 705-457-8438
February	**Valentines' Dinner** may be possible please watch our Facebook page, website and/or your email for finalized plans
March	**St. Patrick's Soup & Sandwich** may be possible please watch our Facebook page, website and/or your email for finalized plans
April	**Easter Brunch** might be possible please watch our Facebook page, website and/or your email for finalized plans
Sat. May 13	**Dinner** held at the Gooderham Community Centre. Doors open 5pm. Dinner at 6pm. Menu still be planned. Loonie auction after dessert. $20 pp
Sat. Jun 3	**Welcome Back!** We are celebrating with our **Spring Fling.** 11am - 4pm Vendors, BBQ, displays, tours—1019 Elm Rd - on the property of Irondale's historical church building. NO ADMISSION CHARGED.
Sun. Jun 4	**First Church Service -** visiting Minister expected. 10 am. Come as you are. **Spring Fling** 11am - 4pm Vendors, BBQ, displays, tours—1019 Elm Rd - on the property of Irondale's historical church building. NO ADMISSION CHARGED.
Sat. July 9	**Concert on the Lake** - Great music from the comfort of your own boat, canoe or paddleboard. Music starts at 6:30pm Tickets available in advance. Check *www.sdlca.ca* for more details.
Sat. July 22	**Wild Game Dinner** - Popular dinner, held at the **Gooderham Community Centre**. Doors open 5pm, buffet at 6pm. All game served as bite size pieces, you can sample it all. Remember bring loonies for after dinner fun. *B.L.C.D. event with proceeds supporting Irondale's history.*
Sun. July TBD	Salerno Devil's Lake Cottage Association's Canoe Race, BBQ and Children's Games Salerno Devil's Lake Cottage Association's AGM check www.sdlca.ca for up to date information.
Sat. Aug 19 Sun. Aug 20	**Irondale Inspirations -** the artists & crafters that call Irondale home/cottage will be showcasing their work at the historical Irondale church. 10 am to 4pm. Please drop by, enjoy their talents.
Sat. Nov 4 to Sun. Nov 12	**Service, Courage & Sacrifice -** 10am to 4pm each day - a display of flags of those brave individuals associated with Irondale, that served Canada in various aspects of war. Wander the grounds in remembrance, visit indoor displays of military memorabilia. New flags & displays from last year!